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Dear Sir:

In order to reduce the fees associated with the filing of the above-referenced National Stage application, applicants are filing a new claim set with fewer claims than in the PCT patent application (published as WO 2005/093422 A3). The new claims, numbered 1-55, do not add new matter and are fully supported by the original PCT claims and specification as set forth in the following table.

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